



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2854

Application No.: 10/790,795

Examiner: D. GHATT

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Docket No.: 117982

For: TAPE PRINTING APPARATUS WITH TAPE CASSETTE GUIDE MEMBERS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Further to the December 13 personal interview with Examiner Ghatt, and in reply to the October 5, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1, 2, 6, 10-23 and 25-48 are pending in this application.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's acknowledgement that claims 1, 2, 6, 10-23, 25 and 35-48 are allowed. Applicant further appreciates the Office Action's acknowledgement that claims 28-34 contain allowable subject matter.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Ghatt at the personal interview held on December 13 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated in the remarks below and constitute the record of the interview.

Claims 28-34 are objected to for being based upon a rejected independent claim. As discussed below, the rejected independent claim is allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

**II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103**

Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over a first and a second interpretation of Richardson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,917,514); and claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Richardson in view of Purcell (U.S. Patent No. 4,623,592). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Richardson fails to disclose a tape printing apparatus with a tape cassette holder having a tape cutting apparatus with a movable cutter blade, as generally recited in independent claim 26. Richardson fails to disclose all of the features of independent claim 26 because Richardson's blades 118 and 119 are located on cartridge 16. Richardson's blades 118 and 119 are not located on a tape cassette holder, such as machine housing 21.

In view of the foregoing, Richardson fails to disclose all of the features recited in independent claim 26, as well as the additional features recited in the dependent claims thereof. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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